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Brief

EXTRACTS

from

the Journal of a voyage, performed by the

Whale Ship, [redacted].

of

New Bedford, Mass.

Commencing

May 2, 1841.

AND

Terminating

August 1, 1844,

By.

STEPHEN CURTIS. Jr

Preface — Preface &c

A sense of that feeling, called justice, induces the author to submit the following pages, to the perusing eye, of a scientific but an enlightened community, His limited scholarship will not permit to use that style of grammatical composition, which would be expected from men of erudition, Therefore he most humbly begs, that his readers will excuse all errors which may chance to stain the face;

In the present age of lofty imagination, when the press is deluged with a costly literary, pile of overflowing with historical fiction, beautifully studded with romance in all its wild and marvellous forms, he almost shrinks from the task, but for the predominating cry of revenge; revenge; and in the publication of this little work, there is a twofold inducement, firstly, of giving the public authorities, an opportunity of knowing, that their laws, enunciated, by men who styles themselves captains. {there are a great many exceptions, but the author would suggest, that to those, whom he may hit, put it on and wear it} and secondly, to let "Country Jack" understand; that they cannot sit playing marbles with the captain on the quarter deck all day, neither can they joyously lie about the forecastle, "doing nothing except when

on the Fishing whales, While the foremost man
of a whale, is being dragged by the head of a Dyspeptic
cow, or frozen by the piercing wind of the chilly
north, enduring privations, and suffering every
species of degradation, which landsmen have but a
faint idea of; his wealthy owners are reveling
in indolent luxury, forgetting the hardy seaman
who has risked his life, and suffered many thing,
in procuring that, by which they have been enabled
to fare those thin glistening gold,
And what is their proportion of these riches?
The tyrannical Captain answers for thirty eight
months and seven days; and the owner can answer
the rest, The author would remark that
he has avoided egotism, as much as possible, and
to those who feel disposed to criticise this little
work severely, and doubtless there will be many,
among whom, may be a few of those, whose profession
it is, to fit out "country lads" with fifty dollars worth
of various articles, charging them one hundred for
them, To such he would suggest, that before
they are severe in their criticism, recollect, that
he is a diminutive specimen for their sharp-sighted
jaws,

L. C.

~~Cease, rude Boreas, blustering railer~~
~~List, ye landsmen all to me,~~
~~Messmates hear a brother sailor~~
~~Sing the dangers of the sea.~~

Sea song.

On the 24th of May, the crew were ordered to go on board, and hold themselves in readiness, for weighing anchor on the following morning, In the afternoon all were on board ready to receive orders. There being nothing to do however; the forecastle hands had very comfortably seated themselves upon the deck of the forecastle, some of them very busy making observations concerning the different qualities of the ship, which here and there might be observed one, who had quietly seated himself apart from his noisy shipmates. indulging in his own silent reveries, By the kind indulgence of my readers, I will here deviate from my course, for the purpose of giving a brief description of the Captain; officers and crew, The Captain was a man of rather a good figure, quite tall and well proportioned. His features were coarse and irregular, though to the eye of a stranger, somewhat pleasing. The crew had been told very "tough yarns" concerning his treatment to the crew of his former voyage, still they could not help surmising that those yarns were greatly exaggerated, as his appearance on shore did not indicate a character so devoid of all sense of humanity and sympathy, as it really was; and of which the subsequent part of this little book will show. There were three officers, the first and second of which were brothers. Each officer had his second in command known by sailors as the boat-steerer; whose duty is to steer upon the whale. The remainder of forecastle hands including the Carpenter and

each were sixteen. Out of this number; five were unable to perform ordinary seamans duty. The remaining eleven hands. not understanding the use of one rope from another; entirely unskilled in nautical affairs of any description. Those of my readers who are acquainted with a seafaring life. will see at once; That such a crew. must have been a source of some trouble to the officers. To exercise them in the various duties required on shipboard, and so indeed it was. On the morning of the 25th we were aroused from our slumbers. by a thunderian roar at the gangway of the forecastle, with all hands a-hoy! Unaccustomed as we were to such a very singular sound. still we very naturally knew the tenor of it; and hastened with as great alacrity as possible. adjusted our "sea rigging" we went upon deck. and set about loosing the sails, and weighing anchor. At this juncture the pilot boat arrived, hailing on board the Captain and pilot. After taking them on board, we again manned the windlass and the anchor somewhat reluctantly tore itself from Yankee bottom. In the afternoon we discharged the pilot, having no more occasion for his services; and shaped our course to the southward and eastward: With a fine breeze from the southwest, the ship advanced very rapidly through the water, leaving the land in the far distance appearing almost like a dark coloured cloud. Yes! The land of our forefathers was fast receding from our view. and ere the sun should set and rise again, would be lost in the distance. I turned from the prospect, absorbed in deep reverie; Those were those on board, who were leaving a home with all its quiet enjoyments, and beloved scenes, for the wild and dazzling life of a sailor, They had bid adieu to friends who would mourn their departure, and with fearful anxiety await their return; To roam with Strangers, who could not shed the tear of pity.

The greatest part of the first day of our departure, was
spent in shaving away the cables, landing the anchors, removing
those spurs, clearing decks &c, after which all hands were
commanded aft, for the purpose of dividing them into Watches,
the Starboard and Larboard; the former commanded
by the second mate, the latter by the chief mate. This
being prepared, the captain delivered a speech, worthy in
point of eloquence, standing unparalleled, in the annals of the
world, and as near as I remember it ran thus; "Now men!
we are bound on a long voyage, and you must have no
grumbling, no shirking each other. If there is any shifting
to be done, I am the one to do it. When you are called
to do anything, come as soon as you are called, I want
see no hanging back, no sogering, no waiting for
one another, and as long as you behave yourselves like
men, you will get Grog as such, but if you don't"
{assuming a sort of theatrical frown, and shaking his fist
at us} by God you will smell hell, now you
can go forward." Quitting the action to the word we
scampered forwards as fast as our legs could carry us
not caring for a smell of the eleven-penn'orth of gentlemanly
praise. This speech of our Demosthenes left an
unfavourable impression upon our minds, and it may be
supposed, that we got very sulkily equipped. At
this time, not a few of us began to have that queer
feeling, in our stomachs,
of Sea sickness, which usually attacks one days
or two after the ship first gets under weigh. Very few escape its unpleasant effects, which at
may have a deep effect upon the system of some
persons, from its first. This effect arises from
the unaccustomed motion of the ship, and those
who are troubled with this loathsome disease, will
find no better remedy than to keep upon deck
as much as possible, as they can breathe the

[illegible] and seeing the lightest articles of food, such as argue great scarcity. The price of lemons is very exorbitant. (The 26th no land could be discovered, not a speck could be discerned, but in its room the same sea of the day as any tolerably bright, with the spreading sails wafted by a favourable breeze impelled on her course unseen. Still seeming a magic thing of life, (Sad and slow might be seen the swift flying fish, darting from the waters, pursued by its two great enemies, the swordfish bonita, and swift and graceful dolphin. The latter part of the day we saw several vessels steering the eastward. (On the 27 inst, a circumstance took place, which but trifling in itself was a prelude to what we might expect, should we not inculcate ourselves with speedy into the duties of long protracted seamanship, (One of the crew, {a green hand} was ordered by the captain to stand in a place belonging to some of the running rigging, The man not knowing the name of it, [illegible] and its different uses, took hold of the wrong rope, when the captain said in rather spirited, "Oh you damned thick head," at the same time giving him a violent blow upon his cheek. The running rigging of a ship can be seen a great many different ways, and the practised eye of a sailor, is liable to mistakes, when first on board of a strange ship, In the present instance, the man who had been at sea never was on board of a ship before, and it may easily be remarked that it was nearly, if not quite impossible for him, to have understood the use, name, and situation of each and every rope on board of the ship On the 28 inst the contents of the mast head were described as about standing upon the water, at a great distance from the ship that they could not [illegible]

that it might be. As soon as the ship
righted we came to, and lowered a boat
for the purpose of bringing it to the ship, (It was
to be a long boat, and stood by its upright some
water some length of time, It had filled and sunk
even with the surface of the water, and was thickly
covered with a species of whitefish. We soon towed
it along side the ship, and by means of tackle fixed to
the block of the mizzen, we soon had more upright
to pump in, and bail the fish out of it. By this
process enough it was got ready for all hands,
and it may be supposed, that we eat fresh fish
with good avidity, having eat nothing but "salt
junk" and sea biscuit for three days, (Some of
the crew stowed some away in their chests for the
next succeeding meal, On daylight on the
morning of the 8th of June, the cry of "There
she blows! & there we have! was heard from the
mast head", All eyes were immediately directed
to that quarter from whence the huge monster of
the deep was "spouting". Our boats being ready
for an engagement with this leviathan, started to
chase & strike fight, now "lowered away, and gave chase,
but the whole procession it was rather than fight
and drawing much the surprising sight, soon left
the boat far astern, The ship came in sight
of us, and continued the chase, & hoisted a signal
to be hoisted at the mizzen peak; for the boats to return
to the ship, As you may remember previous to the
boats leaving the ship, one of the
Indian sailors made a strong request, which he is
constant in his habit, When the boat returned
the request was granted to the captain of his boat. All
hands were immediately ordered aft, and enquiry made,
but as it usual in all similar cases, every one denied

finding any knowledge or trace of the stolen money
search was made; every chest in the forecastle
was ransacked upon deck, and their contents very
carefully examined, by the officers, but the money
was still wanting. The forecastle was then ransacked
by seamen, and finally the money was found;
concealed in a part of the sail cask, and secured to the
ordinary. This was one of the grand strategic touches
by which Vidocq was enabled to unravel many
mysteries, and finally the whole gang of thieves
was brought to justice.

On the 11th we discovered the island of Flores,
one of the group of the Azores or Western islands.
The next day, being but a short distance from it
we stood in, and presently two boats came alongside,
filled with Portuguese, bringing off little articles of
trade, such as oranges, eggs, chickens, about the size
of an ordinary pheasant, and a few little baskets
filled with eggs. One old fellow fetched a small
bottle of brandy wrapped in his bosom, which he
drank freely with. This man, an old smuggler,
understood a little of the Portuguese language, and
soon entered a bargain with him for it, and
having supplied himself with {to use his own
language} a most delicious draught, the crew hastily
offered the remaining part of the contents to the
boys, which soon found their way to the forecastle,
the "make me dead nice," bringing returned the
empty bottle to the Portuguese who took
it to him to be more about his business, and no
trouble him for the present. We went to
sea this morning and continued very busily at work,

well as his brethren English would permit him, to which the Captain very gladly responded, that if the pinnace lying on board of his ship again the wind he might use his own discretion. On the evening having finished trading returned to the ship. On the 16th inst. we discovered the island of Bayonne another one of the same group, This island is celebrated for its excellent pasturage, The air is always mild and pure, the cold of winter never felt and the heat of summer tempered by refreshing winds, Here are several villages on this island, besides the principal town Villa de Ota, which is the residence of the Portuguese Consul, We anchor per chance within the reefs of the island, We stood off and on during the night, and in the forenoon of the following day the Captain with his boat crew, went ashore for the purpose of procuring provisions, In the afternoon a Strange boat being sent off to us from shore with cabbages, onions, potatoes and a few oranges, Trading with them ended, we took in [illegible] On the 19th inst we saw a ship steering to the eastward In the afternoon, we were becalmed, and the weather being fine, The boats were lowered away for the purpose of towing the ship, Having practised the different evolutions, required while in pursuit of, and when past the reefs, for perhaps an hour's exercise given to relax to the ship, Nothing worthy of note transpired until Friday the 2nd of July at 2 P.M. we spoke the Lizzie Ann of Salem {N.B.} from Buenos Ayres, bound to London with a cargo of hides, tallow, and wool, after wishing them a speedy voyage, we parted, We soon encountered nothing especially worthy, we buoyed the boats in pursuit of black fish which had come near the ship, and captured two of them, The next

days, the cry of "three shocks" was again heard from the
main deck. They proved to be sperm whales and as
soon as we were near enough to discern their "spouts" from
off deck, orders were given to "lower away", which were
immediately obeyed. In a few moments the second
mate struck a whale. After "sounding" a few times
he came to the surface of the water & breathed, and
the crew commenced pulling up to him, while the
officer stood in the bows of the boat, with coil of
rope in hand, ready to plunge it into the whales
"side" as soon as within sufficient distance. "Dead
whale" was the next stern command of the officer, and
now arrived the dreadful crisis,—the next moment and
the lance with her crew, may be cast
into the air;— the spirit is already— lances brandished
in an attitude, which would have done grace to a
Phrenological Gladiator— surveys well the monster and
send, the lance pierceing his breast— Every
man of you was the quick and impressive command
of the officer of the boat— The whale feeling the
dreadful effects of the lance, became infuriated to
madness; lashed with his huge tail the water; mate
all around him was one complete mass of agitation, for
after ordering the boat to which he was fast, for
a few moments & the rate was about 12 miles an hour;
he became exhausted through loss of blood; his rage
with which he started, his fury, which he did by
making a complete circle, which as often as he
went round, diminished in size, until when in about
the centre, he rolled "fin out", which was a sign
that he was dead. In about an hour he was safely
moored along side the ship. The first mate & third
mate boats continued chasing the "gallied" whales
for some time, but as there was no sign of surrender
signal was made for them to return to the ship

[illegible] being finished; we commenced the
[illegible] of heaving in the bilboes; out of the whole
[illegible] of heaving is generally performed by the
[illegible] hands alone, We were two hours heaving
in the bilboes of this whale; during which; our very
gentlemanly Captain stood upon the quarter, cursing
and threatening blows of wood at us, (no object
of wood which he threw, and which would have
weighed three or four pounds, just chopped the head
of the man who was heaving at the same handspike with
myself, and had it struck him would have pitched
him senseless to the deck, perhaps never to rise
again, Fortunately however the captain was
not a very expert marksman. I do not
wish to [illegible] my kind readers, with a
variety of such oaths as were daily heaped upon
us by this Christian captain, but the land of
[illegible] demands the whole truth,
Hoisted as we were from main until eight
it would be supposed we got accustomed to it
but no; such curses as "I am d—d tired
of both," "God d—n your old sandy," "I am
d—d sons of b—s," we could not get accustomed
to, delivered as they were, with an air of
madness and daily revenge, and upon men from
a Christian land, On the 4th inst we were
employed staying out the bilboes,
This day being the anniversary of an event which
made America free; we were treated to as
much rotten water as we could [illegible], Thus
celebrating this eventful day, by manufacturing
salt, and cursing a la Washingtonian.
On the 16th inst we spoke the Sir Walter
Thorne of N. York, bound to Liverpool.

A fine morning of native Transylvania until the 29th P.M. we discovered the coast of Brazil stretching between Cape Frio and Rio de Janeiro, the breeze was light; so that the ship advanced very lazily through the water, the sunset in this latitude is beautiful in the extreme. No words can exaggerate the imagination enhance the beauty of the surrounding scenery as the sun slowly sank in the west. One Ornament; that part of the horizon to which the sun was gradually declining, seemed tinged with vermilion, blended with a dark orange red hue and at last as the fairy orb disappeared, seemed burning with a deep, fiery crimson, which soon fading away, gave place for the melancholy shades of twilight. The effect of this view; was wonderfully enhanced, by the long beautiful outline of mountains, whose misty shadows seemed to relate in dark folds of horror, while here and there might be observed one whose summit seemed to pierce the heavens, looking down as it were upon that unfortunate being, called man, with a frown of contempt, About a little before sun set we discovered the Island of Rio, and at 12 o'clock in the following day we were spoken by the U.S. sloop of war Decatur, when within six miles from the entrance of the bay, a pilot came on board; for the purpose of giving us directions for entering the bay; and informing us that a quarantine could be performed for we had last touched at Pernambuco, the Captain gave him a few bottles of wine, and received on board of his vessel. At a little before 12 we passed the Fortresses and Batteries at the entrance of the bay; at the entrance of which on the left

and side stands a very lofty mountain called the Lagos Coast. On the other side is another mountain at the base of which stands the circumjacent Precipitation, Santa Cruz. Upon that Point we were hailed by an officer; with a trumpet which seemed to be of a prodigious length; and was so large that he was obliged to rest it upon the edge of the Point. It caused a general roar of laughter among the crew, accompanied by an exclamation of "just look at that trumpet". The captain having answered the different questions put by the officer; was told where he came to an anchor, and proceeded about two miles up the harbour, and let go the anchor, We had scarcely landed our Bottom; before we were boarded by an officer belonging to the Custom House, the usual congratulations passing very fast. Having put to the rights; unbent the rigging neatly; cleared decks &c. all other business was suspended for that day; leaving the crew quite an opportunity for a lounge,

The second night after our arrival at this port. one of the crew, resolved to make an attempt, to escape his floating prison, by swimming to the shore, a distance of one mile and a half on either side, Some after dark, he commenced making preparations for this dangerous undertaking, procuring a small board he tied it down on the bows of the ship, and then went into the forecastle, where he had a few articles up in his handkerchief, such as he should want for immediate use, Some of the crew tried to persuade him from his rash purpose, but of no avail, He said he would undertake it if he perished in the attempt, At just seven minutes previous to eight bells, he lowered himself into the water, as quietly as possible, so as not to be heard by the officer on guard, and striking

At the same time a boat, put off from the ship
the same day, right of him, but could hear him
for some moments, imitating the blowing of the
porpoise, to avoid suspicion. Now that
he was gone, a variety of conjectures were formed
by the crew, as to what they would make of
those appearances. They had seen the first of
these extreme dangers; one, of being wrecked on
the rocky coast, which was then within
sight, and the other, of being devoured by the
ravenous ground sharks, which in fact this boy
and each one had expressed his fears and hopes
a motion was made to sail in, which was seconded
by all hands, and we were soon quietly reposing
the arms of the sheltering God.
All hands were called for the purpose of boarding
ducks as usual, The Dedisho was soon with
an inquiry made for him by the officers, but no
one knew anything about his absence,
Several of the crew, were ordered to search for him
and away they scampered; almost giving up the idea
of seeing for the man, whom they had seen
the night previous; playing the part of a
porpoise, [illegible] a few moments of terrible [illegible]
[illegible] and very innocently replied, that
the missing man could not be found. As soon
as the Captain made his appearance on deck, he was
informed of the circumstance, and swore to have him
again cast where it was. This day being
Sunday; all unnecessary business was suspended,
for the forenoon of the following day, the Captain
with a boats crew proceeded for the cape, which
was three miles, from where the ship lay at anchor
The arrival of the evening before, at the foot
of the precipitous cliffs, two of the boats crew were

[illegible] to stop in the boat, to take care of her.
In a few moments, the Custom boat arrived at the landing place, and three men jumped out, two of which were soldiers; and the other was no one but the deserter, who was under escort to the residence of the American Consul, leaving the captain on shore, the boats crew returned to the ship. On the afternoon the deserter was fetched on board and confined in irons. As soon as we were thoroughly afloat ourselves, the good beginning part of the voyage; and subsequent events to the end; which is as thus: "After I had swum some distance from the ship; I lost my hood, and the current being so very strong, I could not get it again, I soon gained the shore; but found the rocks so sharp, I could not get up. I then struck out again from the shore, intending to swim to another spot, where there was a fine sandy beach, and huge. I was disappointed, for the current spewing my waists, back me immediately against the bad rocks, where the point [illegible] [illegible], I got upon these rocks nearly exhausted, and lay some to regain my strength, when I was discovered by a sentinel, and ordered into the Post, where I was treated very kindly; and on Sunday dined very comfortably with the Commander of the Post, and his three beautiful daughters, On monday it was sent on board of the Custom House boat, to be escorted to the house of the Consul. After I had been in his house a few moments, the old Consul, came in, looking fearfully at me, and after a short consultation, during which he frequently cast [illegible] to [illegible] me, I was sent, where you now see me, with a pair of irons [illegible] me, and the

ends my yarn."

Everything being prepared for sea, we took our departure from the Sandwich Islands, on the morning of the 4th of August, the weather was lovely; and with the aid of a fine breeze from the southeast, we soon lost sight of this romantic country. On the first two or three weeks after our departure from the islands, we were employed sending down the royal yards and masts; securing the [illegible] spars; anchors &c. On the 28th inst; we had soundings, and found bottom, at [illegible] The day following we discovered one of the Phillipine isles, [illegible] The nearest land of Borneo. Sand is off Cape Datu. which forms the N.E. point of Borneo, [illegible] The weather continued calm, with contrary winds; the weather intensely hot, with terrible squalls of wind, hail, and rain until the 20th inst, when the weather began to moderate, This day the chief mate knocked a man down to the deck, [illegible] A boy had been given to take the main course, which generally performed by two men, one on each yard arm, [illegible] At one station, when the chief mate spoke to one of the men, "You [illegible] you hear me, sir, he answered to be sure," yes sir! "Why didn't you reply sir," Did you sir! "Yes sir, I did sir" "Then take that sir," with a terrible denunciation, accompanied with a severe blow, given by his fist which felled the man to the deck. [illegible] we observed the islands of Sumatra and Java, lying in the [illegible] of 26° 20' south of the equator and 99° 30' west from Greenwich, The day being unusually fine, with a very light breeze,

from such a bird's eye, for the purpose of watching
it. In a few moments we found ourselves
beneath the shadow of a huge perpendicular
precipice, some hundred feet in height, and
although invisible to the naked eye,
soaring above our heads, were thousands of birds,
whizzing in sight from the humming bird, to the
common crow, some of them were of such a
size, and quite tame, alighting on the mast of
the boat, and even flying so close to our heads,
that we might easily have taken them.
Having succeeded in procuring a sufficient supply
of fish, we proceeded on board the ship, and
stood away from the island, (on the 7th
inst.) have spoke an homeward bound whaleman,
for a general thing throughout the Pacific
ocean, it is customary among whalemen, to show
what is termed, a "pan," (, for a certain number
of days, may not understand the phrase,
it will be more explicit,) and ships having
spoke each other, one captain is invited by the
other to "come on board," this invitation is
readily, (if) the ships lay to and the
invited, orders his gig, (this whale boat,) to be
lowered away, which is quickly done, the boat
crew is ready, the captain jumps in, and is
soon with the power of an arrogant prince, to the
ship's side,
(as soon as his majesty comes
to the side, and is on board,) his most loyal subjects
the boatsteerer, and boat crew, clambering up the side
in the same order, a number of
big-hand-manly, would ascend after,
boatsteerer steps on the main hatchway, (boatsteerer's
post of honor) and the boat crew take, on the
way of the forecastle, their stand,

proceed much further forward. In a few moments, "man the boat," is heard; and the chief mate of the ship, of which the town officers are now on board of, returns to the other ship with his boats crew, thus making an exchange of visits and views. Jack has at a gam of this sort, first, just away their time, in exchanging their previous spinning yarns, singing sea songs and toasts, for one another's entertainment, "Sam," with the remaining part of the day, we stay, and remain visiting each other's ships. We stayed one night at Bahia, at which place we arrived on the 4th of October. There is such a vast degree of difference between the ports of Rio de Janeiro, and that of Bahia, that I will endeavor to convey a correct idea of the latter place to my readers. Bahia is situated on the coast of Brazil, in S. America, and is about 12 degrees south of the equator, the latitude of which gives us a very different temperature from that we have been accustomed to. The appearance of the city from the harbor is very beautiful, and consists of a few low houses, as seen from the shore, built of bamboo, covered with mud and white sand with the exception of three, belonging to the Consul and a few of the most wealthy; for which a tax is paid. The inhabitants are obliged to procure their water as they can, and what is procured, upon the backs of mules from the country. This is carried into town by the blacks where they buy their load, as it were, as they stand there, in a crowd about one half mile from the town, and presents a most disgusting appearance of the blacks being exposed to view.

There was one circumstance, which was that of a ne-

...had been murdered; and which was thrown
upon the back of the ground; without covering, except
the clothes which he had worn at the time he was
stabbed, Hundreds of Turkey buzzards,
hovered around this miserable object of death; preying
upon the body which was exposed, [illegible]
[illegible] two of these days, according to that of my appeal
to this day, still remain on board a certain Am[illegible]
Spanking Ships. These Turkey Buzzards, [illegible]
[illegible] were allowed to remain undisturbed,
[illegible] going backways; they were ordered off; for
the purpose of listening to a few remarks, from
the Captain; Viz: "You now plainly see that you
have liberty, but have nothing to give you, any
roads being difficult to get at, and as I have made;
I have come, he might have added, there is not
enough in the ship for your security; but to the
next part of liberty, I will tell you I have another
very consoling. I understand, these are some
among you, wishing you on shore only to run away, and
they can do it, but if I want them, I will have
them, and no be sure them that if I can catch,
they will "smell hell," I can tell them,
(a favorite expression of his) Proceeding to each
watch received their days liberty, and in consequence
of not receiving any [illegible] from the captain,
most of the crew were obliged to buy it this day
as they have their duties, During my stay
at this port, the same occurrence,
was seen respecting, Bay the native here, as well as
on other parts of the coast of S. America, worship
images as their ideal, and instead of by an effigy
of a crowd of many, from the captain, I saw caught the
Lizards, and tied him in an abusive way a calabash,
the Captain said the offered ground; and the

Saturday was employed in repairing the boats, and completing our stock of wood and water. On the 18th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, but were obliged to anchor again, on account of the wind blowing directly in our teeth. On the 20th inst. we weighed anchor, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 21st inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 22nd inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 23rd inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 24th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 25th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 26th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 27th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 28th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 29th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 30th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 31st inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 1st inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 2nd inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 3rd inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 4th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 5th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 6th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 7th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 8th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 9th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 10th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 11th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 12th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 13th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 14th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 15th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 16th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 17th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 18th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 19th inst. we got under way, and stood out of the harbour, and on the 20th inst. we got under way

[illegible] in the [illegible] belonging to the [illegible], in the [illegible] in, but I do not accuse him of stealing any [illegible] of them or [illegible]. The suspected culprit was called at the main [illegible] at the time but was immediately ordered down by the captain, and accused of committing the theft. The man thus accused, had been detected in several little acts of misdemeanor, on board of the ship, but in the present instance, he said to me, he knew [illegible] and solemnly declared before God which created him, that he had nothing to do, in taking the trousers, nor had he any knowledge of them in any way. The captain, not satisfied with this declaration; the captain, as [illegible] the four principal [illegible] in this case, judges and accuses, and only in this, but every case, ordered him to be tied to the mizen rigging, and then gave him forty eight lashes upon the bare back, while blood gushed in streams over his body, Landsman! His fine, in vain did he implore for mercy, the cat of this tyrant rose aloft, This style of flogging a man, would claim an as it [illegible], if which it is the sole punishment, first given for [illegible] these seas, and last expiring blow, and then [illegible] pipe and [illegible] for the first time, is executed, "Starting them soft", a most refined phrase to be sure. Having received the forty eight lashes, he was released, While this man had been engaged in flogging a man, he [illegible] made [illegible] heard the "cat" [illegible] and the captain said; he [illegible] the "cat" [illegible] and theft is a crime, which deserves punishment,

had in a just manner; in that manner which the
circumstances of the crime merits, In this
instance, there was no direct proof to bring
the suspected criminal to punishment,
circumstance of the fairness, having been
in his birth, and a few little acts of mis-
which he had been discovered in, was all the proof
to be obtained; Therefore we could suspect,
not condemn, We continued cruising
different islands, until the 9th day of
January of February, when we left the Marquesas
to proceed for one of the Society islands,
where our ships companions this cruise
had, 2:20 lbs, We had seen hardly at islands
that had not succeeded in exciting some of their
something the evil, that is, the fear some
"good or bad, as the case would "miss",
We continued our course to the southward and
westward, and on the 11th inst passed several of
the Marquesas islands, On the 13th we
spoke the ship Sarah Ann, of Fairhaven
Mass, seven months from home, We had
spoken several vessels during the cruise but
no particular circumstance connected with
occurred worthy of notice, The crew of the
Ann were given little credence, and said their
Captain was a "hard one" He was
kept on the watch day and night
and as we were bound into the same port,
two captains agreed to have a regular race,
this amusement afforded infinite amusement to
both crews, for it presented a new topic for
conversation, and tended to drive dull care
away, Some of them would say; "we had
the race of that ship flying to beat the

"Mercury!" "Isn't she a fine ship?" we asked
sailor," A sailor, however great may
be his dislike to his captain, as officer,
generally takes great pride in the ship itself.
As his father, mother, brother and sister, is and
his very life. The rest of our crew,
a straight, stout young lad of twenty years,
dressed us with care and skill. Still the main
the ship's pride, Knowing to
against both ships stood the same
unwise strength the night, and as same
as the night of day broke. Rising the second
same night, the cook could more eagerly
employed, watching the motion of the two
ships, "If only we were as big as
wagings were last night, she was then just
abeam of us, wasn't she nosy?" The last word
alluding to the peculiarly prominent afterpart
gan of the vessel, She grumbled an
assent. "She sits the water like a swan
but she can't beat the Mercury's mark! Some
she digs astern now we'll have to hence
to and let her come up," But
captains did their utmost, closely watching
the barometer, and keeping the sails well
trimmed, but when night arrived our adversary
was several points abaft the beam,
Our Captain Dido the guests dark, his countenance
a trifle by that sign of semidemonia gain,
which was characteristic, when any circumstance
irritated him, This a way of expressing his
extreme exultation, he caused the boys and
train courses to be hauled up, for the purpose
of giving her a chance to come up with us again

We continued sailing with such others; sometimes "Coming
for Bay," for the purpose of trying the ship's compass
until the 18 inst., Once or twice she had been
out, but as some of the crew would generally not
manage to call it a bed, (on this day we
discovered several of the Society islands; the most
conspicuous of which, were Otaheite and Eimeo
about nine leagues distant from each other
We steered our course for the latter island, and
receiving the pilot on board, entered the bay
with the Ocean, gliding swiftly in our wake,
and at 6 P.M. both ships lay at their anchors
This island is one of those discovered by Captain C
and is situated 17° 26' south of the Equator,
in the longitude of 149° 36' west from Greenwich
and is now the residence of two European missionaries
The natives of this island, as well as those of
Otaheite are distinguished for their ingenuity
They have a written language, and many of them
have been taught to read and write, with great
facility, They believe in but one Deity
being, and their worship with great regularity
There are two churches on the island, and one of
which is built
There is one peculiar
circumstance, worthy of a more distinguished pen
and which is noticed by every one; visiting those islands
It is the great ease, with which the natives have
their children, and of which every family is
with an example,
at any time, They were especially
a present, or beg made for the purpose;
my shipmates, an liberty, both one up and down
the cross a little to cards, when one of the girls
snatched it away from him, exclaiming, "You no go
"You no gave,
The females wear a long loose

less, & stood closely around the mast, and reclining below the antlers. They are very fond of dress, which is showy, and use remarkable neatness preserved cleanliness, bathing three times every day, in a clear running stream of water. The principal articles of tropical fruit of barbadoes here, amongst which are cocoa-nuts, oranges, limes, lemons, bananas, plantains, guavas, and the bread tree, the fruit of which forms the principal article of subsistance, among the natives. The mountains are chiefly inhabited by wild buffalo, goats, and hogs; Having furled the sails, coiled the rigging neatly on each respective pin, cleared decks &c, and the very last of all, cast our "Salt junk," and discarded sea biscuit, which was relished by an occasional, feasting of potatoes, from messy pots, which were given to those who wished to have a feed on those for those at these hours, to jump into the boat, twelve or fifteen of us, immediately jumped in, and were soon at shore. The evening was charming, and we soon found ourselves, beneath the shade of the tall bad cocoa-nut tree, which here on these, were thick bunches of oranges and limes fruit. Plantains in all the perfection of native growth, The Kanakas, a native, soon swarmed around us, making various gestures, with laughter, loving mirth, which at last pleased them to amuse us; as well as themselves, one of them sang a few verses; of this native tongue, at the termination of which they all jumped up, male and female, and commenced such a rude sort of dance, accompanied by such a rude sort of noise, That some of my shipmates, actually laid down upon the ground, rolled and tumbled over each other, like a parcel of wild monkeys;

... Left ... they ... that they ... anchor ... your ... and ... at ... in the ... we were ordered to return on board of the ... The next day being Sunday, the Starboard watch were allowed liberty, with ... on board again, the next morning at sunrise, ... This ... the ... for the promised ... which he gave to them, transformed into the value of six cent pigued cotton, charging the very moderate price of twenty five cent per yard, —

{how very conscientious,} This is one grand trait of disgruntling seaman of this nights; The ... was ... by ... The ... watch, and the liberty watch were spelled ... each one drawing a handful of cotton under his arm, ... fiery beasts of indignation, ... This ... to obtain a ... for the sake of a few pennies, The day ... were away as liberty day generally does; and the next morning, the watch were on board of the ... Dress ... The ... of their ... cages, all hands were kept busily at work; scraping and painting ship; getting off boats of water from the ... &c, ... Liberty was again allowed, and on the 23rd ... one day ... one of them an Irishman; and the other a Scotchman, ... Soon as the Captain was informed of the desertion, he grew ... and swore like a madman; ... as a ... to be manned, ... and chase and offered a reward for them, The natives are extremely fond of money, and several parties, immediately started in pursuit of the deserters, ... exertions, it ... was ended ... the ...

[illegible] mountaineers are very expert, & tracking the white man, and soon overtook the fugitives; which they commenced by a [illegible] yell & fear the whole party, [illegible] showed signs of resistance, but the Kanakas outnumbering them fired to me, they were obliged to surrender, their arms were bound behind them, and then driven into the town, like so many cattle, and then taken into an enclosure, fronting the house of the principal chief. Their majesties, the Captain of the Oregon, and our own captain were in the house at the time, but hearing a noise, came to the door, and discovered the deserters, with their arms, pinioned behind them, The Captain of our own ship, ordered the Kanakas to cast them to a tree, but the Owhyean resented such unjust treatment, upon which, the Captain ran to him; and commenced, beating him, He was then severely lashed to the trunk of a tree, and [illegible] many cuts this poor fellow received, for his humane & generous deed, to the remainder of his brutal lashing, upon the body of the young [illegible] Lieutenant who had been a great favorite of the Captains command, residing at Wahiah, "God d—n you, I am your friend," [illegible] the lieutenant to the ground, was the reply of his Captain. He then pounced upon his breast; and told him until he could not summon sufficient breath, to call for that mercy, which he must have known was in him to have expected, from such a villain, In the afternoon the wretch was conveyed on board; the poor Lieutenant, in such a wretched enfeebled state that he was under the necessity of being obliged to

to be hauled up the side of the ship, by a rope
which was passing thro' a block seized in the
rigging, and [illegible] by the Captain, giving a stab
with a knife to each one, then stripped them
the body, repeating the same process of cutting
upon the back of the others, to increase
their pain, he would ask them various aggravating
questions such as, "How do you like the manoeuvre,"
"How does that suit," "Is your English constitution
yet [illegible] to bear it," "Can you
swim," he would then [illegible] "Can you"
Having one man [illegible] this process, and being much
dissatisfied, was recalled, and seized up. The man
dragged and [illegible] made to, and [illegible]
several of the females, who happened to be on board
at the time, The Captain not having a proper
regard of that sense of decorum, which belongs to,
and ought always govern the conduct of civilized men
(of the very same time of this man being flogged
two more being dragged on board of the Pegasus, for
the same offence, The evening following,
the two Captains went in the cutter of the Nereus
this amicable station being when the different ships
of [illegible] men, The Captain of the Pegasus
[illegible] Send boat you! Send boat him in this man
[illegible] to [illegible], the morning previous, to
which the Captain of the Nereus responded, [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible], which meant thus,
[illegible] you as to this boat will you make
[illegible] as this must have been obeying in
the extreme, and it is to be presumed it was by
the two Captains, Having procured a
sufficient supply of wood and water, [illegible] of
fruit &c, arrangements were made for our departure

The first Lieutenant was ~~left~~ ashore, and entered on the ships log book as a desertion, which was false, The Russian Governor, one of which was a native of Oahu {Sandwich Islands} the others of the Society Islands, The Capt was detained from the island, on the main at the Port of Honolulu, accompanied by the Virginia, drawing a load of the men on, and discharged ~~with~~, and shoved us course to the Southward and Eastward, leaving the Virginia to pursue her course to the northward, During this period of our voyage, The crew were in a state of discontentment, easier to be imagined, than described, Some of them had been victims to an unjust and unlawful treatment; their losses were visible, by the brutal hand of a man; who possessed of a little brief authority, owed and for the fawning of those, that were his inferiors; while the latter were obliged to witness, and tamely submit to scenes, rivalled only by those; inflicted by the hands of an ancient Spanish Inquisition.

The five men who had been guilty of the crime of desertion, were sentenced to Sixty lashes three months, during the Darkness, and every degrading gob, which could be found; They were the ones, to present them; in fact; The Captain and officers were down on them. On board of a ship, when a man is found guilty of, or suspected of committing any crime, or misdemeanor; that man is put in irons and on a fixed station, for Sixty and blows; myself superintendent; and trusty successors, of his Captain and officers, and a man placed in that situation, may as better have been born a dog; as even the situation of the wicked wretch that crouches the earth; is far from enviable, Nothing but Cruelty and hard

until Oct. 8th, when a small cask, [illegible]
in the storage, and filled with molasses for the use of
the ship's company during our cruise. [illegible]
[illegible] of a peculiar description, [illegible] which
could not be drawn, unless by the aid of a [illegible],
and which was kept in the cabin, [illegible]
object could not be discovered; the captain
very wisely, as a matter of economy, ordered the use
of the molasses, in a manner, entirely [illegible]
strength. The [illegible] of Captain Pierson of [illegible]
The captain obtained the information, that his
first and second mates, were the [illegible] guilty
but when [illegible] if they knew anything
concerning the [illegible] of the cask, they [illegible]
them did not, it [illegible] was a direct lie.
They had drawn the molasses, as [illegible] it to
be drawn, for the purpose of making what sailors
term "Sandy Jimmy", being a compound of [illegible]
bread, moistened with the same molasses, and
baked. This they feasted on during the
night watches, [illegible] making passages; the officers
stand watch. The captain not wishing to
accuse his officers of so paltry a crime, [illegible]
away and cursed and [illegible] the crew, for
which [illegible] now they rose and [illegible],
On the 13th [illegible] one of the crew was seized in
the virginia and [illegible]. He had been
making a disturbance with the mate, who then
to enter a complaint to the captain, which
the mate then was not ready, for that gentleman
person, who was always a zealous officer, was
at the cabin just in time to hear the mate
exclaim, "Hell him and be damned"
This was enough; he ordered the mate to "[illegible]
him up". The [illegible] mate [illegible] for [illegible]

and Bob the man to strip off his shirt "damn
quick" as he would tear it off. The second mate
laughing during which time, the captain very leisurely
stepped the quarter-deck, shouting, the remains of
a fine specimen,
The remarks of them
appeared very fortunate persons, having taken more
than three hundred barrels, of sperm oil,
On the afternoon of the 10th of June, the mate
and chief mate, had a dispute, concerning some point
of duty, which would be tiresome to mention here,
After a savage war of words, on board, on shore, during
which very insulting language was used on both sides,
the captain gave the order to "Lash and stow" for the
purpose of running into port, to discharge his mate
During the hottest of the fun, a keen
observer, might have noticed some dozen or fifteen
men crowded forward of the fore-mast, enjoying
a fit of laughter, {so as not to be heard} at what
they called "fun"
Nothing suited better; than
to see the two principal officers of the ship, at
variance with each other, and had they come
to blows; how delightful it would have been,
to the seamen, to see in the forecastle
discussing the matter very freely, while the
majority remained, and if the mate kept
their mouth closed; but some days they relented
eight bells in
A
on him, at the following evening, orders were issued to
"all hands" to go forward to the grinding grind again,
The parties had met in the cabin,
and came to terms agreeable to both,
We continued cruising until the 15th of July,
when we shaped our course for the island of
Nukahiwa one of the group of the Marquesas,
we on the 21st and came to anchor, in the
bay of the same name, Of course as our anchor

was down; The ship was stranded to windward, w
the natives, the men are great thieves, and
if not watched narrowly, will seize anything with
they can carry easy, and jump over board with it
immediately. Several American merchantmen
were lying at anchor, besides three French m
of war,
During our stay at this port, we
watered five days likely, which was
enough, for such a place,
One man in the
boat guilty of the crime of cutting a Canoe,
was punished every night, and sometimes
the daytime, for the purpose of
every night at sunset, a boat was sent ashore,
for the undoubted purpose of getting off liquor, an
boats at the gate, consequently, seven or eight might
to make an hole, were constantly before the
eyes of the more virtuous part of the crew, and
there were some, who could obtain a share of that
virtue, which every civilized man ought to be in
possession of, although they were sailors;
This testimony to, my sometimes be called in
On the 4th day of August, we took on board
seven Atlas goats, with the loss of two canakins
which had swam along side of canoes,
We might add our quota for the live which was on
ordinary ground for the voyage,
On the 4th
the Captain, having a bunch of green twigs and an
olive, making eight rounds,
the time and observing him, and the
on speaking to him, I found one of the lower
the officers did not know, that he was addressed
to the Captain, and continued busily at work,
the Captain, becoming angry, struck the man
and threw him with such force, as to knock
the glass, several feet from the anvil, the

Landing him within the shumbas; at the same
time exclaiming, "Go on you, don't you run
your mouth," From the time of our
departure from Nukahiva, until November 2nd we
took but three whales, This day the captain
was in pursuit of a whale, with his boat, struck
one of his crew, over the head, stunning him into three
pieces, another instance of his brutal passion,
On Sunday the 20th inst we struck in pursuit of
a whale, & the fluke of the whale beat the
starboard bow was one of them, head this
head and back scarred in several places, caused
by the blows from a piece of bamboo, and came pretty
near the captain had inflicted upon him,
During the months of November & December
we took 15 whales, Jan 11th 1842, we
took our departure from the line, intending to
proceed to Timor, and at which place, we
arrived on the 23d inst, Here we discharged
our chief mate on account of sickness, also the cook
who had been confined in the forecastle, not
able to perform his duty, for a period of four months,
He had not received that medical assistance, which
he ought to have received, and which every man, in
his unfortunate situation, is entitled to, After
arriving at Timor, he pleaded for his discharge, but for
several days in vain, He had traded me,
clothes to a Malabar, and on the last day on which he
petitioned the captain for his discharge, with an
awful curse, he ordered him forward, The
cook notwithstanding, still entreated, when the
captain seized a piece of board, and struck him
across the jaw, with it, Perhaps this
captain, can recollect these words, just as they
passed from the mouth of the cook,

"Sir! I wish for my discharge; I demand for my life; my life, for my life sir! For seven years last I sailed among the American islands and more; now, I experience such [illegible] I have, resided on board of this ship, sir,"

It is said, that upon receiving the instrument of Captain B— master of the ship Victoria Gibbs of Fairhaven, this man assented in procuring his discharge, This Captain was a man All are not men that wear the human form; many are such, of which class we in this case, The other one, was the captain of the ship, on board of which [illegible] and informed the captain, A boat crew, was ordered, and with the captain; proceeded to the ship, [illegible] On the day of [illegible] in this the body, when he was [illegible] vengeful, and [illegible] of leaving the ship, and they arrived alongside of the ship, The Captain met him on the gangway, with his [illegible] she got upon deck; his face was covered with blood, his lip } the uppermost one { cut nearly through, and both eyes considerably swollen, and blood shot. He was immediately handcuffed, and tying in a helpless posture upon his back, a [illegible] two of the crew, [illegible] upon the boys deck, in the time being closely pitched and handcuffed, and after the flogging, his back was bathed with [illegible] balsam of life, and astringent [illegible] a span, was passed through the handcuffs,

The remembrance of this, and other Dark Deeds,
committed within this Port, came flocking in
the Captains of those Ships were murdering, Assassins,
and that being, clothed in the garb of man, whose
name is Legion, will [illegible]
is a mighty Husband, than an earthly one,
before which he will be summoned to answer; He
issues to a desk Catalogue of Crimes, which will
make him turn pale with shame, others, of colleagues
the more than Diabolical, Having received
ship, with warning as Pilot, and shipped several men,
we put under way, and took our leave, of this Island,
on the 20th day of [illegible], Finding
ourselves, the Captain was released, his hands, and
arms so much swollen, caused by the handcuffs being
so on it, that he could [illegible] them,
The rusty fetters were so small, that they had
to be brought to the Cabin, and cut off, he
swelled so much, that he could not get them on,
After making several small islands, we bore[illegible]
towards the Line, and the first part of the month of
July, found us off the [illegible] Islands,
[illegible] the first part of June, then
proceeding to the most Northerly, intending to cruise
in Towards the Spanish main, July 15th
we fell in with a large Shoal of Sperma Whales,
and [illegible] Three Days, and [illegible]
in the process of "Cutting in" those Whales were
one from alone, The Captain quitted for his
Whale Boat, and went about for a few minutes, the
Head of the "Gun" of the Whales, entering about, the
first and second mate, got into a severe dispute,
in the Captain's absence, from some
trifling cause, when the Head of a Cask, caused the
Blade which the second mate was using, for

[illegible] purpose of cutting off the "punch", and thereby lain no [illegible] in [illegible] handle [illegible] Irons, and [illegible] sharpening the edge of the spade, which was about a [illegible] wide, with a part of his Irons, upon [illegible] if he wanted one more, he would "spill his [illegible] blood" [illegible] and did not [illegible] The eyes of this fiend, almost pleasing face, which is [illegible] countenance, and with [illegible] denunciation, left them to pursue his duty,

On the 12th of August, we discovered the main land and on the same day, captured four sperm whales, [illegible] having "Fin" the blubber, we proceeded to anchor at Tarawa, a small town of very little importance, situated about one degree south of the Equator, [illegible] were very fortunate this cruise having taken twenty-two whales alongside,

On the 14th we dispatched our boats, and commenced cleaning ship, after which we employed ourselves each watch during two days, [illegible] our wants with oranges, plantains, and potatoes, of which large plantations flourish spontaneously.

On the 22nd inst we got under weight, with the loss of one man by desertion; and shaped our course for the Galapagos islands, intending to remain there for a short time, During the month of September, we cruised off the island of Albemarle, the largest of the group, where we caught a turtle, of large size, and fish, Leaving the Galapagos islands we proceeded to the Isle de Pascua, for the purpose of procuring wood and water, On the 5th we came to an anchor, This island is situated nearly two degrees south of the equator, and about 6 leagues from the main land, These are no inhabitants residing here, but frequently parties

am. The Spaniards [illegible] having a visit, of a few days,
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a period of
two days, during which time, we procured a sufficient
quantity of wood and water, to last [illegible] eight months
Everything being prepared for sea; we took our
departure on the 8th inst and proceeded on our
first cruise,
On the 24th of November, the
Captain ordered the second officer, by striking and kicking
him in the face, several times,
The ships
bell was out of order, and the said mate was striking
a blow in the after part of it, when he became a
little pacified, on which the captain observing, not liking
any part of the ceremony, spirited and struck him in
the face, and in the eyes,
The second of the
aforesaid mate was besprinkled with blood, proceeding
up from a wound above one of his eyes, caused by a kick
from the captains foot, his eyes were examined, and both
were black and blue, very much bloodshot, and a scar
left, just above one of them,
This officer has been
subject to a series of abuse from this brutal captain,
during the whole voyage,
Several times have he
been flogged with a "two inch rope," also "man with"
and in fact, suffered every species of insult and
degradation, which in human man can inflict upon
another; and if a reply was offered, it was "(illegible)
d-n you, not one word" or "I'll see your throats
blood" &c. &c. &c. during the time we lay
The ship was hauled off the anchor of January, 1844,
we had any cargo, having discharged all
ballast,
Leaving the bay, we steered
for the Canary island, to wit for "Port orotava,"
We arrived at this island, the 20th of January having
taken two months on the passage,
We staid
off and on several days, and procured, the number of
casks, and a supply of potatoes,
After coming

several weeks, without any supply, & we stayed
among the Island of Juan de Fernandez,
& which place we arrived, on the 24 of March.
On the 26 inst, a boats crew went ashore, to procure
provisions, of which there are thousands, plenty, fishing
many of them attaining a very large size, between
twenty & thirty pounds in weight. Juan Fernandez is
inhabited, are Russians, and spaniards,
On the night of the 29 inst, two Russian
boats were stolen, by some one of
the crew, As soon as the Captain
discovered, that his favorite boat was missing,
his countenance burned with passion, he cursed
every body that he set his eyes upon, All
hands were ordered aft, and inquiry made but
no one knew anything about them, He offered
the sum of ten dollars; to any one who would
name the author of the theft, or restore the boats
upon a piece of paper and send it to him,
Failing in this prospect, he threatened, and
swore that he knew the contents of the
and would "flog the truth out of them"
He named the three suspected ones," and they
denied knowing anything to do with the missing
boats, nor indeed did they, The next
morning the Captain came upon deck, and
one of the suspected ones, was at the helm
steering the ship, The Captain told
him that he had not put the ship "to the
wind", which was false, and ordering the ropes
to be fastened to him, commenced flogging him
with the pipe, most severely, after which
he, spoke these words "G—d D—n you; I'll
make you tell now" and these Rascal
dogs boats, before I am done with you"

would have flagged him nearly to death, and the
boy often exclaimed during the hammering hand
passage, that he should like to have the
captain for a few moments, and that he would
have cause to remember him until he died.
Thus this day engaged for sea, on the
morning of the 2nd day of May, the well
known coast of Ireland was in the
distance, many around in every part of the
ship, Accordingly every hand quite was
manned, and we "hove short",
P. M. The captain arrived from the house;
and we took the anchor, and proceeded out
of the harbor, with a very light breeze,
6 P. M. we passed the Tuskar, on
South. The wind Westward, and at night, we
had a very strong breeze, but unfavorable,
the general cast, we were making a course
contrary winds, The weather thick and rainy,
light the wind proved favorable, on
1st of June, found us in the Latitude of
Fourth of Atlantic ocean, On the morning
of the 4th of June, we took the South
East trade winds, and making all sail,
proceeded at a rapid rate, towards that land,
whose ideas caused emotions, tastes the
sweets of that liberty, which wants to dearly
buy, Now, having settled to the easy duties,
the business of voluntary slavery, for a period
of three years and upwards, The watch,
were more busily engaged, setting up rigging,
"At the dawn, found the ship, &c, as at the last
journal "for an appearance, when entering just
as possible, June 29th, 6 P.
M. with contrary favorable, ship at anchor,

hands of several feet a little wajer, — Some [illegible]
the natives began belaboring each others backs, with
strips of bamboo, and most surprisingly, ignored
the usual bustle of mad dancing, of the natives
face and antics, is performed by the crew, on command
by the striking of eight bells, which is signal
for the whole ships company face and aft.
"Make less noise;" Sunday 2d we spend
the greater, with a fine favorable breeze,
Getting somewhat the Trans pacific, from this
until we made land, Wednesday, 5th June
in the evening, we passed near with in sight
of with mile of Black island, and for which place
the ships course was directed, [illegible]
continued thick and rainy, during the greater part
of the night, At daylight standing [illegible]
in found bottom at forty and fifty fathoms,
Sounded 17 fm. At 6 oclock, and several
sails standing in for land, — We sent the first gig
for [illegible] At first light P. M. We came
to close anchor, At 6 oclock, and 21 minutes
P. M. The joyful sound of "Land ho,"
was first heard from the fore top mast head.
We proved to be Black island, [illegible]
and awaiting for a pilot, [illegible]
of Thirteen hours, [redacted], without seeing any, the
Captain became impatient, and started his own
for (Tattamanah.) [illegible] Ten [illegible]
and thirty minutes, We came to a pilot boat, by
do, and at eleven Took a pilot on board, and
entered Rio Grande bay,
The main being with Diamond, the ship was towed
into the port of the, for the purpose of putting on
their best dress, and saluting the fort
of Rio Grande,

Thus is by such a medley sense, as Man finds pleasure,
Inquisitive curiosity stretch,
Oh matchless,
Land, Sea, Air, Heavens we have tasted, to tragic the
fate and anxiety, of many a sleepless watch
blood, and sights, so completely covered with
feathers, of all colours, shapes, and sizes, that
the original could scarce be discovered; followed
one after in quick succession, one heard, so that
by gusts of a wild wind, huge humps were
in motion on the surface of the water, which,
a distant observer, might have mistaken for the
monstrous sea-serpent,

The S. M. on which we left the readers, in
Seventh Heaven, finished the suit, ended the
dinner, and prepared to go on shore, not forgetting
to thank that King, for the favourable
safety to return to that land, where we could
sing liberty, liberty sweet liberty, of the having been
confined on board of a pleasure vessel, for the space
of Thirty eight months, and seven days —

Fine reading! If I have not forgotten I am
mean your "gracious patience," with this unwarrantable
tale, we will part, first pledging in friendship it
a hearty shake of the hands, wishing the colony
(in Spain) still longer, as a place of security for
the tragedy makers; whose Sat is indeed heard,
since it an abundance this way,
Despise us he is, I Pill not that Tarnish,
the clings to Kings anthony; and when that is
lost, the right to Inquisition, a victim
to his own wickedness, and despair

The End,

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